

Rep. Cuellar Supports Law Enforcement and First Responders
Provides Resources to Help Reform Local Departments (No Defunding of Police)

Active / Passed Legislation

Rep. Cuellar, as a Senior Member of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, supports funding numerous initiatives to improve police practices.

Rep. Cuellar is Lead Sponsor of the Jaime Zapata and Victor Avila Federal Law Enforcement Protection Act {Senate Companion Bill Passed Senate}

- Ensures that individuals who have killed or attempted to kill U.S. federal officers and employees serving abroad can be brought to justice and prosecuted in the United States.
- Specifically, it would clarify that federal officers and employees serving overseas are protected, and that U.S. courts may try their attackers in a U.S. court of law.

Rep. Cuellar is a Cosponsor of the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021*. [PASSED HOUSE]

- Creates a national standard for the operation of police departments.
- Mandates data collection on police encounters.
- Reprograms existing funds to invest in transformative community-based policing program.
- Streamlines federal law to prosecute excessive force and establish independent prosecutors for police investigations.

Rep. Cuellar is a Cosponsor of the *Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act of 2021*.

- Ensures that public servants, like fire fighters, can access their social security benefits and their pensions.
- Provides relief payments of \$150 a month to current retirees affected by WEP.
- Establishes the Public Servant Protection (PSP) formula for future retirees, to pay Social Security benefits in proportion to the share of a worker's lifetime earnings.
- Includes a permanent benefit guarantee to make sure no current or future retiree receives lower benefits after implementation.

Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Provisions for Law Enforcement Reforms

\$193,161,000 for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, an increase of \$35,014,000 above fiscal year 2021. Within this amount, an increase of not less than \$10,000,000 is provided for investigations and enforcement related to the patterns and practices of police departments, including compliance with consent decrees

\$100,000,000 for grants to assist states in conducting pattern and practice investigations of law enforcement.

\$35,000,000 for Community Policing Development (CPD), Training and Technical Assistance

- \$10,000,000 is to expand the use of crisis intervention teams to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement, including training programs
- \$15,000,000 is for officer training in de-escalation techniques
- \$5,000,000 is for assisting agencies with gaining accreditation to ensure compliance with national and international standards covering all aspects of law enforcement policies, procedures, practices, and operations

- \$3,000,000 is for the Community Policing Development Microgrants program
- \$2,000,000 is for grants to support tolerance, diversity, and anti-bias training programs offered by organizations with well-established experience training law enforcement personnel and criminal justice professionals.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$13,500,000 for the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division, the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Community Relations Service.

- Includes grant assistance as authorized by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act.
- Will be used to investigate and prosecute previously unresolved civil rights era “cold case” murders suspected of having been racially motivated.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$22,000,000 for the Community Relations Service (CRS).

- Includes \$1,500,000 through the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$5,000,000 to support the efforts of the National Task Force on Law Enforcement Oversight.

- The Task Force will support the Attorney General and coordinate the detection and referral of complaints regarding incidents of alleged law enforcement misconduct nationwide.
- Performed in consultation with professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations, and community-based organizations.

Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Provisions to Support Local Law Enforcement

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$7,200,000 for the establishment of a new grant program to assist local law enforcement comply with reform efforts.

- Provides funding to police departments for police training, equipment, and other necessities to help comply with law enforcement reform efforts.
- Funding would cover the resource gap needed to fully implement such reform efforts and enable local governments to share the cost of implementing the decree with the Federal Government.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$610,000,000 for the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

- Includes \$90,000,000 for Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$3,045,469,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$684,469,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Byrne JAG Program.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$450,881,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$13,000,000 for the Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$355,636,000 for Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC)

- Secured language encouraging FLETC to partner with community colleges to develop pre-academy and other law enforcement training programs.

- This language specifically notes institutions along the southwest border, where it is particularly important to improve the Department’s hiring pipeline for law enforcement positions.

Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Provisions to Support First Responders

Rep. Cuellar helped secure **\$370,000,000** for Assistance to Firefighter (AFG) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure **\$370,000,000** for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure **\$365,000,000** for Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG).

Rep. Cuellar helped secure **\$101,000,000** for the FEMA National Domestic Preparedness Consortium.

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Provisions for Law Enforcement Reforms

\$35,000,000 for Community Policing Development (CPD), Training and Technical Assistance

- **\$10,000,000** is to expand the use of crisis intervention teams in order to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement, including training programs
- **\$15,000,000** is for officer training in de-escalation techniques
- **\$5,000,000** is for assisting agencies with gaining accreditation to ensure compliance with national and international standards covering all aspects of law enforcement policies, procedures, practices, and operations
- **\$3,000,000** is for the Community Policing Development Microgrants program
- **\$2,000,000** is for grants to support tolerance, diversity, and anti-bias training programs offered by organizations with well-established experience training law enforcement personnel and criminal justice professionals.

\$7,500,000 for a competitive grant program to educate, train, and prepare officers so that they are equipped to appropriately interact with mentally ill or disabled individuals in the course of completing their job responsibilities.

- Grants provided to State and local law enforcement and correctional entities
- Training developed in conjunction with healthcare professionals to provide crisis intervention training focused on understanding mental and behavioral health, developing empathy, navigating community resources, de-escalation skills, and practical application training for all first responders.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure **\$13,500,000** for the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division, the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Community Relations Service.

- Includes grant assistance as authorized by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act.
- Will be used to investigate and prosecute previously unresolved civil rights era “cold case” murders suspected of having been racially motivated.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure **\$18,000,000** for the Community Relations Service (CRS).

- Includes \$1,500,000 through the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$5,000,000 to support the efforts of the National Task Force on Law Enforcement Oversight.

- The Task Force will support the Attorney General and coordinate the detection and referral of complaints regarding incidents of alleged law enforcement misconduct nationwide.
- Performed in consultation with professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations, and community-based organizations.

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Provisions to Support Local Law Enforcement

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$7,200,000 for the establishment of a new grant program to assist local law enforcement comply with reform efforts.

- Provides funding to police departments for police training, equipment, and other necessities.
- Assists with litigation, including consent decrees, out-of-court settlements, memoranda of understanding, findings, technical assistance, and recommendation letters provided by reform authorities.
- Funding would cover the resource gap needed to fully implement such reform efforts and enable local governments to share the cost of implementing the decree with the Federal Government.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$610,000,000 for the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

- Includes \$90,000,000 for Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,914,000,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$484,000,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Byrne JAG Program.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$386,000,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$13,000,000 for the Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$340,348,000 for Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC)

- Secured language encouraging FLETC to partner with community colleges to develop pre-academy and other law enforcement training programs.
- This language specifically notes institutions along the southwest border, where it is particularly important to improve the Department's hiring pipeline for law enforcement positions.

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Provisions to Support First Responders

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$360,000,000 for Assistance to Firefighter (AFG) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$360,000,000 for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$355,000,000 for Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG).

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$101,000,000 for the FEMA National Domestic Preparedness Consortium.

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Provisions to Support Local Law Enforcement

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$560,000,000 for the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

- Includes \$90,000,000 for Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,892,000,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs.

- Increase of \$169,000,000 from FY19.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$547,210,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Byrne JAG Program.

- Increase of \$124,210,000 from FY19.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$343,000,000 for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

- Increase of \$39,500,000 from FY19.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$12,000,000 for the Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative.

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Provisions to Support First Responders

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$355,000,000 for Assistance to Firefighter (AFG) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$355,000,000 for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$355,000,000 for Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG).

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$101,000,000 for the FEMA National Domestic Preparedness Consortium.